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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Department of Environmental Health,
19, Bulkington Road,
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
BEDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you my Annual Report on the state of health and environmental conditions of the Urban District of Bedworth for 1972, together with the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

The population figure obtained from the office of the Registrar General was 41,290. During the year 745 births were notified giving a birth rate of 15.8. Of these 13 died before reaching their first birthday giving a mortality rate of 19.0. which was higher than the national figure of 17.0. I do not consider this to be statistically important in view of the small number of births involved, but should be compared with the downward trend in the infant mortality rate over the years. All these deaths were due to congenital abnormalities or other causes which are unavoidable in the present state of medical knowledge.

The total number of deaths amounting to 389 was higher than in 1971 giving a mortality rate of 9.4 which was lower than the national average. Once again the causes of death were, in the main, similar to those reported in previous years, and there is no significant increase in the incidence of any disease which I wish to draw to the attention of the Council.

The notifications of infectious disease showed a sharp drop in 1972, this can be attributed to a fall in the notification of measles.

The personal health services, which are the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council, continued to function satisfactorily. A full report of these appears in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer and Principal School Medical Officer.

The remainder of the report is self explanatory and there is no matter of an adverse nature which I wish to bring to the attention of the Council.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and support. Appreciation must also be expressed for the co-operation and assistance received from Mr. Burriss and members of the Public Health Department and also colleagues in other Departments.

E.M. HUGHES.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

TABLE 1

Area of District...	7820 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	41,290.
Rateable Value at 31.3.72.	£1,403,708.
General Rate Levied	99p.
Product of Penny Rate	£13,800.
Number of Inhabited houses, including houses and shops and licenced premises as at 313.72.	12,723.

LIVE BIRTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate	360	340	738
Illegitimate	19	19	700
Total	379	359	38

STILL BIRTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Legitimate	2	5	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	2	5	7

ALL BIRTHS	381	364	745

Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	Crude	17.9
	Corrected	15.8
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 total births plus still births)		9.

DEATHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
All ages	215	174	389
Under one year	8	5	13

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TABLE 2

VITAL STATISTICS

YEAR.	POPU-LATION.	NO. OF DEATHS.	NO.OF BIRTHS.	NO. OF INFANT DEATHS	DEATH RATE.	BIRTH RATE.	INFANT MORTALITY RATE.
1961	32,610	395	651	12	12.1	19.9	18.4
1962	33,380	316	672	13	9.5	19.7	20.6
1963	34,250	428	664	26	12.5	19.1	20.0
1964	34,890	401	717	35	12.0	20.3	21.1
1965	34,820	411	745	17	11.8	21.1	23.0
1966	37,100	412	825	18	11.1	20.8	22.1
1967	39,100	372	793	24	9.5	19.9	14.0
1968	40,170	415	823	13	10.3	20.5	13.0
1969	40,700	405	829	13	10.0	20.4	16.0
1970	41,020	377	823	12	9.2	19.7	15.0
1971	40,740	351	834	20	8.6	20.3	24.0
1972	41,290	389	745	13	9.4	17.9	18.0

TABLE 3

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	3	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	6	5	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	19	3	22
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	14	14
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	6	15	21
Diabetes Mellitus	5	5	10
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases.	3	-	3
Anaemias	2	-	2
Multiple Sclerosis	-	1	1
Other Disease of Nervous System	3	3	6
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	3	4
Hypertensive Disease	5	2	7
Ischaemic Heart Disease	57	37	94
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	10	17
Cerebrovascular Disease	23	22	45
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	6	10
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	17	16	33
Bronchitis and Emphysema	19	5	24
Asthma	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	3	-	3
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	3	5
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	1	3
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	3	4

TABLE 3 Cont....

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Congenital Anomalies	3	1	4
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc	3	1	4
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
Symptons and Ill Defined Conditions	2	1	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	3	7
All Other Accidents	2	5	7
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	-	2

TABLE 4

INFANT MORTALITY

CAUSES OF NEO-NATAL DEATHS 1972

CAUSES OF DEATH	PREMATURE	NOT PREMATURE	TOTAL
Hyaline Membrane Disease	-	1	1
Multiple Congenital Abnormalities	-	1	1
Prematurity	3	-	3
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	-	1	1
Neonatal Anoxia	1	-	1
Cerebral Sinus Thrombosis	-	1	1
Asphyxia Neonatorum	-	1	1
	4	5	9

TABLE 5

INFANT DEATHS - WARDS

WARD	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
North	6	-	6
Exhall East	2	-	2
West	5	-	5
Bulkington	2	-	2
	15	-	15

TABLE 6

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 7

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
Cases on Register at 1.1.72	175	147	22	26	370
Cases removed during 1972	2	1	-	-	3
Cases added during 1972	-	1	-	-	1
Cases on Register at 31.12.72	173	147	22	26	368

TABLE 8

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	0 - 1	1 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 45	45+	Total
Infective Hepatitis	-	3	4	1	2	3	-	13
Mealses	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Meningoccocal Infection	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

TABLE 9

FOOD POISONING

Total number of outbreaks.	Number of cases.	Number of deaths.	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks of each.	Food involved with number of outbreaks of each.
-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 10

ISOLATION HOSPITALS

CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL 1972

DISEASE	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	4	3	7
Infective Hepatitis	1	-	1
Seborrhoeic dermetitis	-	1	1
	5	4	9

TABLE 11

Existing arrangements for all the Clinic Services provided by the Warwickshire County Council within the District are shown below:-

SERVICE	SITUATION OF PREMISES	DAYS OPEN
Child Health Centre (under 5 years)	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	Mondays and Thursdays 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Wednesdays 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon.
	Bennetts Road North, Keresley.	Tuesdays. 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
	Chequer Street, Bulkington.	Wednesdays 2.00 p.m. - 4. 00. p.m. Thursdays 2.00 p.m. - 4. 00 p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
Mothercraft and Relaxation	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
	Bennetts Road North, Keresley.	Wednesdays. 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
	Chequer Street, Bulkington.	Tuesdays. 2.00. p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Eye Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	By appointment.
Dental Clinic	Nicholas Chamberlaine School	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. By appointment.
Speech Therapy	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	By appointment.
Cervical Cytology Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	1st Tuesday in each month. By appointment.
	Chequer Street, Bulkington.	3rd Tuesday in each month. By appointment.
Family Planning Clinic	Newtown Road, Bedworth.	2nd, 4th and 5th Monday in each month. By appointment.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory situated at the Coventry and Warwick Hospital, Coventry, undertakes the bacteriological examination of samples of water, ice cream and food, also in the investigation of infectious diseases.

The services of the Analyst to the City of Coventry are also utilised for chemical analysis.

THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICE

The General Practitioner service is administered by the Warwickshire and Solihull Executive Council. There are several Medical Practitioners living in the district and others residing outside practise on the periphery.

There are no general hospital services directly available in the district but adequare out and in patient facilities are provided at the Nuneaton and Coventry Hospitals which are administered by No. 20 Group Hospital Management Committee of the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to Whitley Isolation Hospital, Coventry. Out patient clinics for tuberculosis are held at Riversley Park Clinic, Coton Road, Nuneaton.

Warwickshire County Council are responsible for the administration of the School Health Service and arrangements for Domiciliary Nursing and Midwifery Services, Domestic Helps, Vaccination and Immunisation, Care of Mothers and Young Children, Care and After Care and the Ambulance Service as laid down in Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

With the exception of the Ambulance Service the day by day administration of these Services is under the control of the Area Medical Officer, Area Health Department, Rye Piece, Bedworth.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BEDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The year 1972 was important in that it was during this year the Council's first General Improvement Area was made, the area of Wood Street which contained 67 older houses and formed an island of older property surrounded by a new estate, it was notable that at the first public meeting about the area that fully three-quarteres of the attendance came from the people living on the new estate.

In addition to the above, preparations were made for the Bedworth No. 5 Smoke Control Area and this has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

During the year a housing survey has been carried out of the housing stock of the Bedworth Area which revealed that,

1. There were approximately 144 unfit houses in the area.
2. That 900 houses require major improvements including bathrooms.
3. That 1368 houses require improvements of a less major nature to bring them up to the 12 point system.

It is also felt that at the present rate of issue of approvals that all houses will have their own bathrooms and be in a satisfactory state of repair.

In addition to the above all food premises and factory canteens have been inspected and a 100% inspection of all animals slaughtered in the area has been maintained.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee and the Medical Officer of Health for their help and guidance and also the Public Health Inspectors for their efforts in advancing the work of public health generally throughout the area.

H. BURRISS

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

HOUSING

I give below details of houses repaired, of houses demolished and also of houses improved.

HOUSES REPAIRED

No. of houses repaired following Informal Action by Local Authority - 3
No. of houses repaired following Formal Action by Local Authority - 5

HOUSES BEYOND REPAIR

No. of houses made subject to Demolition or Closing Orders. - 16

HOUSING ACT, 1969 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The following table shows the number of applications received for Improvement and Standard Grants during the past 5 years.

Year.	No. of Apps.	No. Granted S/G.	No. Granted I/G.	No. Refused.	No. of houses Owner/Occupied.	No. of houses Tenanted.
1968	83	82	1	-	50	33
1969	58	44	13	1	44	14
1970	118	56	62	-	105	13
1971	121	26	95	2	103	18
1972	274	27	229	8	246	18

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES

DETAILS OF STANDARD GRANTS.

Number of applications received	27
Number of applications approved	27
Number of baths installed	17
Number of wash hand basins installed	17
Number of hot wayer supplies supplied	25
Number of internal w.c.'s installed	19

Total amount paid in grant £2,455. 00.

DETAILS OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Number of applications received	237
Number of applications approved	229

Total amount paid in grant £26,866. 35.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Below is an extract from the report submitted to the Ministry of Labour on the operation of the above Act to 31st December, 1972.

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises Reg. in year	Total No. of Reg. Premises.	No. of Reg. Premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	-	36	27
Retail Shops	6	145	80
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	2	7	2
Catering Establishments	1	22	13
	9	210	122

Number of visit paid by Inspections to registered premises 140.

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CLASS OF WORKPLACE	No. of Persons Employed
Offices	163
Retail Shops	632
Wholesale Depot	99
Catering Establishments open to public	78
	972

Males	512
Females	460

CONTRAVENTIONS OF ACT	NO. OF NOTICES
Abstract of Act not displayed	1
Absence of thermometer	2
Lack of cleanliness	6
Inadequate first aid box	1
No intervening ventilated space	2

ACCIDENT REPORTS.

4 accident reports were received during the year. In all the cases none of the accidents could be attributed to any failure of neglect on the part of the employers and there was no need to take formal action.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 11 Licenced Caravan Sites in the Urban District on which are sited 240 caravans.
All sites have main drainage, mains water and electricity and are in a reasonably satisfactory condition.

FOOD PREMISES

The number of Food Premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Ice Cream, Sales and Storage	102
Sausages	15

VISITS TO FOOD PREMISES

Fried Fish Shops	10
Bakehouses	10
Butchers shops, stalls and vans	30
Catering establishments	13
Other shops including public houses	80

MEAT INSPECTION

There are two licenced slaughterhouses in the area, inspection bring carried out on a rota basis by the three District Inspectors.
Ante-mortem inspection and 100% meat inspection has been achieved.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED MEAT 11 cwt. 8 lbs.

CONDEMNED FOOD

Routine inspection of food shops and notification by retailers resulted in the voluntary surrender of a large variety of food as being unfit for human consumption.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED FOOD 2 Tons 19 cwts.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSES.

The inspections are carried out to ascertain compliance with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and Section 89 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Certain infringements were found during the above inspections, all such defects were remedied and in certain cases improvements to premises were made.

RODENT CONTROL.

The work of rodent control is contracted out to Messrs. Rentokil Ltd., who provide a daily service in addition to a yearly treatment of the sewers.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no premises in the district where offensive trades are carried out.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of Bedworth is constant, and is obtained as follows:-

(a) Two sources at the Newdegate Colliery, in the West Ward of the district.

(1) From an adit in the Frank Shaft, 270 ft below ground surfaces.

(2) From a 12" borehole, 220 ft deep.

(b) 20" borehole, Bedworth Waterworks.

The borehole is 20" in diameter and 275 feet deep.

(c) Exhall Deep Well.

The Wall is 9ft in diameter, and approximately 260-300ft deep.

(d) Birmingham.

This is used as a supplementary supply, being piped via Nuneaton.

All this water is pumped into a storage reservoir at the Waterworks. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 750,000 galls. The water is pumped from the reservoir and boosted direct to the town. The water tower is now only used for night duty.

(e) Coventry Corporation, for certain districts in Exhall.

As a result of the above it is considered that the water supply of the area has been reasonably satisfactory in quantity.

MEAT

CARCASES INFECTED AND CONDEMNED 1972

DETAILS	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	268	3	-	1653	709
Number inspected	268	3	-	1653	709
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci:					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	97	-	-	90	139
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	36.2	-	-	5.4	19.6
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ condemned	-	-	-	-	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercus Bovis					
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned		-	-	-	-

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces, including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

PREMISES	NUMBER OF		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (including factory laundries)	28	6	-
Workshops (including workshop laundries)	-	-	-
Workplaces (other than outworkers premises)	-	-	-
	28	6	-

DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

	Number of Defects Found.	Number of Defects Remedied.	Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were made.
Nuisances under the Factories Act, 1961			
Lack of intervening ventilated space.	6	6	-

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH; INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

PREMISES	Number on Register	Inspections	No. of Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	174	28	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (outworkers' premises excluded)	-	-	-	-